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Poke - around Committee

The mandate President Kennedy has given a small group headed by retired General Maxwell Taylor is as yet far from clear. The group will, however, be looking into intelligence activities, "special forces" and the waging of undeclared wars, as we understand it.

Such an investigation is bound to be centered around the Central Intelligence Agency, which is now catching it for the Cuban fiasco and which also has borne the onus for the U-2 flight.

It comes therefore as a considerable surprise that Mr. Kennedy should have named Allen Dul-

les the CIA boss man, as one of a growing group of officials who will assist General Taylor in his investigation.

There is a strong case for Mr. Dulles' removal out of hand and for a very thorough shake-up of CIA. It is disheartening to have a decision on such action left pending while the administration pokes around in the debris of our recent misadventures. It is even more disheartening when the most obvious candidate for the earned role of scapegoat is named to the poke-around committee.